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To: <u>Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices</u>

Subject: FW: Assisted Suicide Update
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## Dear Marion.

I thought the Committee might like to be aware of the evidence in the link below, if they are not already. It was given by Julie Hocker who is a researcher at the Centre for Human Dignity in Washington DC. It includes statistics on the rise of suicide in general in the American states which have legalized physician-assisted suicide, which is the issue that Neil Francis and I debated and about which the Committee asked me for further information.

Kind regards,

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From: Julie Hocker

**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 May 2018 6:18 AM **Subject:** Assisted Suicide Update

Good afternoon,

I want to share with you all that last week I went to New York after being invited to testify at the New York State Assembly's Hearing on "Medical Aid-in-Dying." Here is a link to the testimony I provided to the Committee on Health. <a href="https://conservative.org/article/acuf-senior-policy-fellow-julie-hocker-testifies-at-the-new-york-assembly">https://conservative.org/article/acuf-senior-policy-fellow-julie-hocker-testifies-at-the-new-york-assembly</a>

Many thanks,

Julie

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